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Dear Josh:

Enclosed is a copy of The Conservation Foundation's latest publication entitled The Future of American Agriculture as a Strategic Resource, edited by CF economists, Sandra S. Batie and Robert G. Healy.

The book is a collection of eight papers, all by recognized experts in the field, and it addresses a number of timely issues which hold the key to future American agricultural productivity. Among the issues are soil productivity, agricultural technology, water availability, climatic change, dependence on fossil fuels, competition for agricultural lands, and crop monoculture. The issue papers are preceded by an overview authored by Ms. Batie and Mr. Healy.

The Future of American Agriculture should be of special value to members of the agricultural business community, government officials, legislators, and citizens interested in knowing more about the future of American agriculture.

Sincerely,


William K. Reilly
President

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*Suggested CC to Eileen Ruffell
in SFO*